

TO THE PUBLIC OF CANADA.

The Committee of the Montreal District Industrial Fair, beg to call the attention of the Public, to a project that has already been brought under their notice of holding a Grand District Industrial Fair in the City of Montreal, in September or October next, in connexion with the Inter-national Exhibition, to be held in London, in 1851.

The intention of the Committee is to give the public an opportunity of presenting for Exhibition, specimens of the natural and manufactured articles of Agriculture, Commerce, Art, Scientific ingenuity and skill, and generally of every species of production that will represent the industry and resources of this country. From these, competent and approved judges will select such as may be deemed worthy of transmission to the Great Industrial Exhibition, in London in 1851.

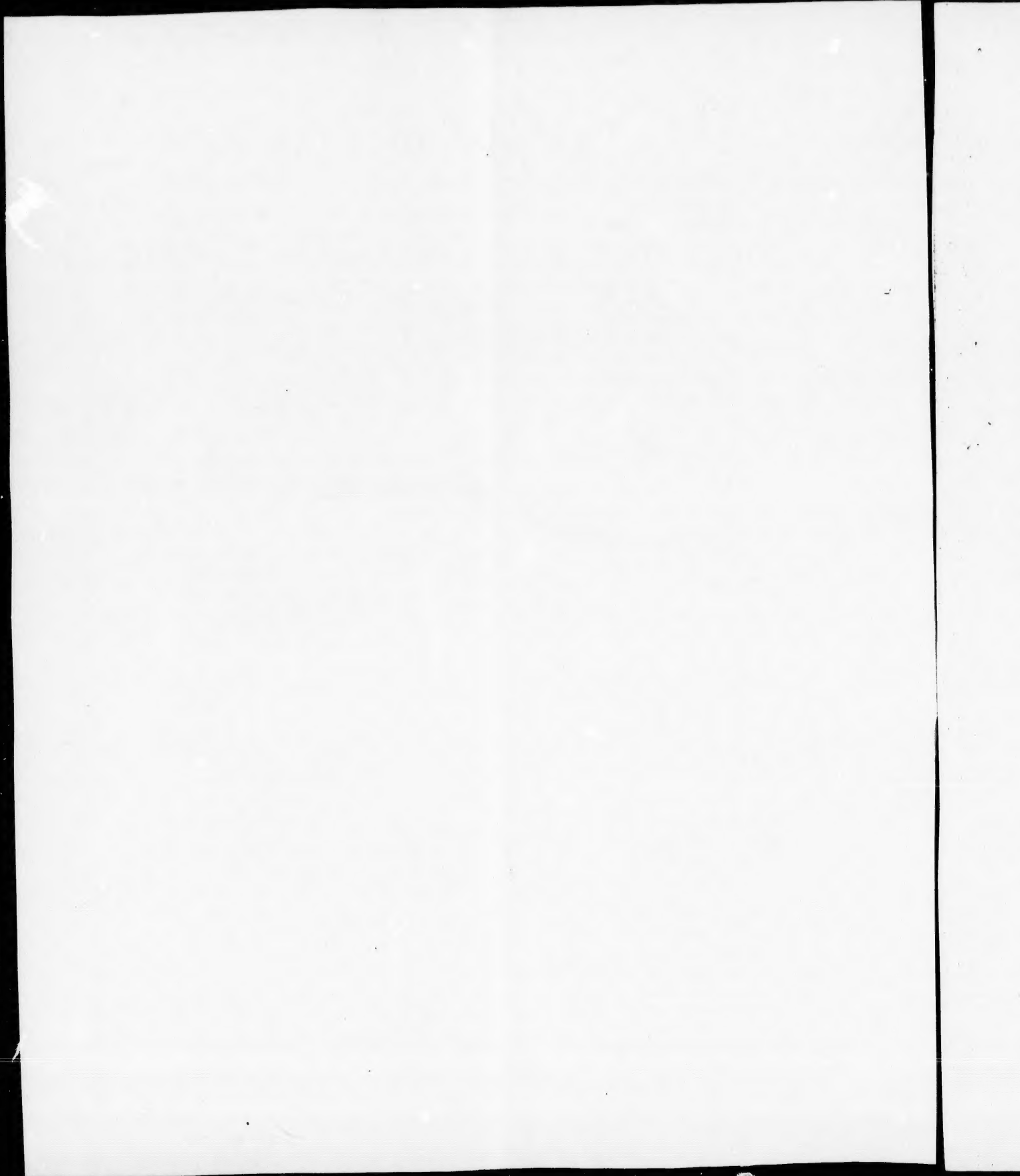
In preparing specimens for the Exhibition, the Committee suggest that preference should be given to those that this Province can produce *advantageously*, and to improvements of a practical nature, which may, by becoming better known, be of value to the producer, and open up new sources of commerce, industry, and wealth, to the country at large.

It is of importance, that every article sent in for Exhibition, should have attached to it the price at which it may be sold, and to the specimens of Minerals, Earth, Ores, &c.,---the natural production of the country, and the raw materials of manufactures,---where they are produced. the distance from navigable water, the cost of procuring and transmission, and such other information as may regulate their value.

The Committee will place no restriction on articles offered for exhibition, that have been produced out of Canada, but they do not intend to give any premiums for such. They will, however, grant diplomas for the best specimens of every species of industry from whatever quarter they may be sent. It will be obvious that many of the articles offered for exhibition, may not be selected for transmission to England, but the Committee desire especially to impress upon the public the immense advantage that must accrue from a fair representation *among ourselves*, of the national resources of Canada, and the productions of her skill, ingenuity and industry. The action of the Committee has necessarily been limited from the want of knowledge of what pecuniary means would be placed at their disposal, and the shortness of the time during which this undertaking will have to be completed, renders it imperative on the Committee to make an earnest appeal to their fellow subjects, in the different sections of the Province, to enable them to know as soon as possible, on what amount of support they may ultimately rely. The scale upon which this important undertaking will be conducted must depend entirely on the amount of pecuniary support which it shall receive from the public.

The Committee with confidence invite the co-operation of all classes of the community, to enable them to make such liberal arrangements as will ensure the success of the undertaking in a manner worthy of the character and position of this Province, and of the invitation which we have received to compete with the other nations of the world, in a spirit of generous and friendly emulation. The Committee, therefore, trust that this opportunity of placing many of the comparatively unknown resources of this Province before the notice of the British Public, and of the world at large, will not be neglected, but that in every District of Canada individuals and Local Committees will spare no exertion to procure and forward to Montreal the various articles, that come within the list of those admitted for competition, and in the production of which their Localities particularly excel. For the purpose of forwarding the undertaking, the Committee invite immediate communication from all who take an interest in it, to whom they will furnish any information they may require on the subject, and all the encouragement and assistance in their power.

The Committee would particularly invite the co-operation of the Agriculturists, Mechanics, and Manufacturers of Canada, considering that the success of this important and patriotic undertaking, depends very much on the zeal and earnestness, with which *they* take up the subject, and the efforts they are willing to make in its behalf. As an inducement to competition, and from a desire to enable all to take a part in the Exhibition---the Committee intend offering *premiums* of different amounts for the best specimens of the following and other articles :



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Fall and Spring Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, Corn, Buck Wheat, Pease, Beans, Flax and Hemp in fibre and seed, Hops, Tobacco, Balsams and Gums, Tanning Materials and Dye Stuffs, Medicinal Substances, Intoxicating Drugs, Butter, Cheese, Beef, Bacon, Lard, Salted Provisions, and Wool.

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Vegetables, Fruits, Flowers, and Seeds.

WOODS OF CANADA.

Largest and Finest Specimens of various descriptions suitable for Export, or Manufactures, in Planks, not exceeding 6 feet in length.

MANUFACTURES.

Flour, Starch, Sugar, Syrup, Leather, Cordage, Glass, Porcelain and Pottery, Bricks and Tiles, Artificial Stones and Cements, Oils, Soap, Candles, Woollen, Cotton, and Linnen, Straw, Basket, Bark and Indian Work, Mats, Brooms, and Brushes, Cabinet Work and Wooden Wares, Turnery, Saddlery, Boots and Shoes, Trunks, Book-Binding, Type, Artificial Flowers, Sleighs, Carriages, Cooper's Work, Models of Steam and Fire Engines, Iron, Machinery and Tools, Black and White Smith's Work, Cutlery and Jewelry, Silver Ware, Agricultural Implements, Glue and Bees Wax, Picture Frames and Gilding, Dentistry, Mathematical and Surgical Instruments.

MINERALS.

Ores of Iron, Lead, Copper, Silver, Gold, Nickel, Uranium, Chromium, Manganese, Barytes, Ochres, Soapstone, Asbestos, Materials for Glass-making, Dolomite, Magnesite, Strontian, Phosphate of Lime, Shell Marl, Gypsum, Canadian Tripoli, Whetstones, Mill-stones, Granite, Building Stones, of various kinds, Marbles, Lime Stones, Water Lime, Slates, Flag Stones, Lithographic Stones, Black Lead, Agates, Jasper, Labradorite, Hyacinth, Peat, Petroleum, Asphalt, Jet, Moulding Sand, Clay for Bricks and Pottery.*

FINE ARTS.

Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, Carving, &c., Lithographie, Printing, Typography, Ornamental Stucco Work.

ANIMAL KINGDOM.

Cod, Liver, Seal and Whale Oils, Fish, Furs and Skins, Castoreum, Moose and other Horns, Preserved Birds, Skins, Insects and Bones.

Indian Antiquities and matters relating to the Early History of this Country.

It is particularly requisite that all articles admitted for competition should exhibit one or more of the following qualifications :---Increased Usefulness, Improved Form and Arrangement in Articles of Utility, Superior Skill in Workmanship, New Use of known Materials, Use of New Materials or New Combinations of Materials.

Beauty of Design in form and color, or both with reference to utility.

Cheapness relatively to Excellence of Production. The object or article must be *bona fide*, produced or manufactured in Canada, and as far as possible of Materials the produce of Canada.

The above General List of Articles has been made with a view of giving an idea of the character of the Exhibition. The amount and distribution of the prizes will be published hereafter. The Committee trust that the means to be placed at their disposal, will enable them to give premiums for the above enumerated articles, and such others as may tend to carry out the objects of the exhibition.

Parties who are desirous of contributing to the funds of Association, will please remit to David Davidson, Esq., British North American Bank.---Treasurer to the Association.

All communications to be post-paid to the Secretary of the Association, Office No. 22, Great St. James Street.

JOHN LEEMING, *Secretary.*

* The Committee will shortly publish a list of the localities, where the above Minerals may be found, furnished by W. E. Logan, Esq., Provincial Geologist.